

### REMARKS

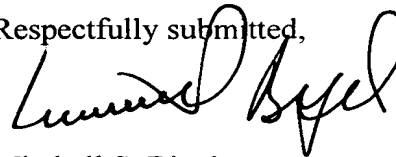
In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 15, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-20, drawn to a semiconductor device. Applicants have canceled Invention II, corresponding to Claims 21-28, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device. This cancellation is being made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application for these claims.

Applicants are not traversing the restriction requirement, because Applicants agree that unpatentability of Invention I would not necessarily imply unpatentability of the method of Invention II.

The title has been changed to conform to cancellation of the method claims.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable examination and allowance of Claims 1-20.

Respectfully submitted,

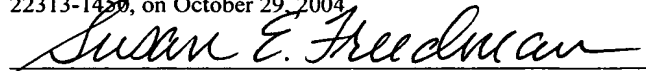


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